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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jose Sanchez, 47, Beloit, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 27 months in prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute cocaine. Sanchez pleaded guilty to this charge on August 19, 2008.

In April 2007, during a court-authorized wiretap of Fidel Holguin's telephones, agents intercepted numerous drug-related calls between Sanchez and Holguin. Sanchez later admitted to police that he purchased one-quarter of a kilogram of cocaine from Holguin.

The charges against Sanchez were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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